(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in settling the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. Complaints relating to non-finalisation of pension cases were, therefore, being referred to the respective pension sanctioning authorities in the past for necessary action. The data in the manner desired was not, therefore, maintained. However, with a view to minimising delay in sanction of pensions, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Department/Offices accountable for strict compliance of Government orders for ensuring authorisation of payment of pension and gratuity, provisional or final by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employees who did not receive pension payment order on the date of retirement were also asked to bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry. The position, since 1-4-1987, relating to such complaints for non-payment of pension etc. received in this Ministry is as follows:

1-4-1987—31-3-88	24 complaints for non-payment of pension were received. All these complaints since stand settled.
1-4-88—28-2-89	38 complaints for non-payment of pension etc. have been received, out of which 15 have since been settled.

(c) and (d) With the issue of above orders making the Heads of Department/Offices personally responsible for ensuring issue of pension in time and with the follow-up action taken by this Ministry on complaints, significant improvement has been achieved in timely settlement of pension cases and complaints relating thereto. In the context of thousands of retirements which take place every year, the number of pending cases is insignificant.

Formulation of Programmes for International Space Year, 1992

1384. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes formulated by Government for inclusion in the international Space Year, 1992;

(b) whether Government are considering any tie-ups during the International Space Year in 1992; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A number of scientific programmes particularly in the areas of atmospheric sciences, remote sensing astronomy, global environment etc., are being formulated as a part of the International Space Year (1992) activity.

(b) and (c) The entire programme is a part of the international collaboration programme in order to achieve best and synoptic results.

Launching of PSLV

1385. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a break-through in the PSLV dynamic test programme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether this break-through has enabled launching of INSAT-D in the near future; and

(d) if so, what is the schedule for such launching?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Dynamic test programme of PSLV consists of conducting special vibration test called "ground resonance testing" on models of the launch vehicle to